



## **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD (BHAB) ACTION ITEM JUNE 6, 2024**

**AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE SOLICITATIONS, SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACTS, COMPANIAN RESIDENTIAL OUTPATUENT CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL THERAPEUTIC PROGRAMS, AMENDMENTS TO EXTEND EXISTING CONTRACTS, AND APPROVE THE SELECTION OF THE MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC. APPLICATION FOR A DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE PROGRAM IN THE NORTH INLAND REGION AND AUTHORIZE SUBMISSION OF THE SELECTED APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Services provides a comprehensive array of mental health and substance use services to people of all ages. These services are delivered through County-operated programs, as well as contracts with community service providers. Those served include vulnerable populations, including individuals who are experiencing homelessness, individuals with justice involvement, and children and youth with complex behavioral health conditions.

The San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) authorize competitive solicitations, single source contracts, companion residential outpatient children's mental health services contracts for Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs, amendments to extend existing contracts, and approve the selection of the application from Mental Health Systems, Inc. to seek Department of Health Care Services licensure to operate a Driving Under the Influence Program in the North Inland region and authorize submission of the selected application to the Department of Health Care Services. These actions aim to sustain critical behavioral health services, with the goal of building a better behavioral health service delivery system for San Diego County's communities. These actions support the continuation of critical work to advance the behavioral health continuum of care throughout San Diego County.

These actions support the County's vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically, those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished by upholding practices that align with community priorities and improving transparency and trust while maintaining good fiscal management.

**It is, THEREFORE, staff's recommendation that BHAB supports the approvals and authorizations needed to implement the above recommendation.**